

PRIVATE SECURITY TRAINING NEWS

TO: <<NAME>>

FROM: The Private Security Services Training Unit

RE: Training News for February 2007

DCJS TRAINING SCHEDULE 2007

Training classes required for Compliance Agents and Instructors now enrolling. Please visit our website for a current list of all training sessions through the first half of 2007. Additional training dates will follow for the second half of the year in the weeks upcoming. We continue to try and schedule training based upon dates of expiration and location of certified individuals. Please remember to schedule as early as possible to avoid missing a session close to you. Remember that it is your responsibility to meet all renewal requirements prior to expiration regardless of when and where training is scheduled. Early planning will help avoid reinstatement fees and unnecessary travel.

If you have already enrolled in a session, but later find one that better suits your needs, call the Training Unit at 804-786-1399 to reschedule or e-mail your request to PSSTraining@dcjs.virginia.gov. Remember that sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis only, and sessions are closed out a week before class.

Click on this link to check the training schedule now: <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/pss/training/dcjs/dates.cfm>

TRAINING REFRESHER

Security Officer Training – Distinctions Between Armed and Unarmed. While the PSS Section may only issue one registration ID for security officers whether armed or unarmed, there is a difference in more than just the presence of a weapon. The Code and Regulations Relating to Private Security address these two types of registrants differently when it comes to both role and responsibility. An unarmed security officer has the role of protecting persons and property through *observation and reporting*. The armed security officer provides protection through a more direct means – *they have access to or carry a weapon and they have a limited authority to make arrests under certain circumstances*. It is precisely because of these distinctions that the training requirements are different. Not only does the armed security officer have to have both core subjects training and firearms training, they are also **required to complete the one-time 05E course: Armed Security Officer Arrest Authority**.

We have had cases where an individual had a firearms endorsement for the purposes of carrying a weapon while on duty in another category (i.e. Private Investigator), and also was registered as an Unarmed Security Officer. This person is NOT authorized to work as an Armed Security Officer! The presence of a registration card and firearms endorsement card is not enough to verify proper training. As instructors, it is your responsibility to ensure that your students, especially in the 01E Security Officer Core Subjects classes understand these requirements and the purpose behind them. Please make a concerted effort to educate your security officer students on the requirements for both of these unique job types. If you need any assistance with this, please contact me directly at Kim.Buckner@dcjs.virginia.gov.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Sample WATSON use now available. Some of you have expressed an interest in helping your students learn how to navigate WATSON and understand the benefit of using this online tool for management of their credentials. To encourage you in this proactive approach, we have a “dummy” profile with training records and applications that you may utilize in your training sessions. The “dummy” applicant’s name is “JOHN PHOTO EXAMPLE”. His ID number is **99193691** and the PIN is **E20PF39** (The third character is a **zero** not an “o”.)

When you use this tool, please remember a few items of protocol:

1. Do not disseminate the ID # or PIN to anyone other than certified instructors with your school.
2. Do not make any changes to the information for the fictitious applicant.
3. The profile is only for use by certified instructors during certified training sessions.
4. Please make certain that you explain the process for obtaining a PIN to your students.

TRAINING TOOLS

Many of you have expressed an interest in receiving a copy of the training video “The Private Side of Public Safety”. We have completed disseminating these to the law enforcement training academies and would like to be able to provide copies to the certified schools conducting entry-level training. We have a limited number of copies available so we can only offer one per certified DCJS private security training school.

If you are a designated school director and have not received a copy (DVD or VHS), please send a note requesting a copy to our Executive Administrative Assistant, Kathy Truesdale: Kathleen.Truesdale@dcjs.virginia.gov. If you have already received a copy, please also advise us so we can mark our records accordingly – a number of you were provided a copy at the annual conference. If you are not currently affiliated with a school, you can play and view the video from the homepage on our website here: www.dcjs.virginia.gov/pss.